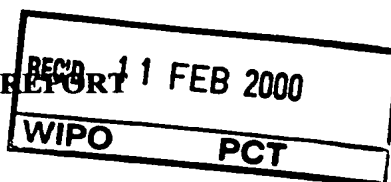


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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



Applicant's or agent's file reference Case 645 PCT	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/SE98/02193	International filing date (day/month/year) 01.12.1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 03.12.1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <sub>7</sub> H 04 L 27/26, H 04 L 7/08 // H 04 J 3/12, H 04 L 5/06		
Applicant Telia AB (publ) et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  30.06.1999	Date of completion of this report  27.01.2000
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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**I. Basis of the report**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as amended under Article 19,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**V. Resoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations**

The invention according to claims 1-23 relates to data scramblers and de-scramblers, for use in a multi-carrier transmission system.

The invention intends to simplify data scramblers by making use of synchronisation frames as a source of pseudo-random data, which can be combined with user data.

Synchronisation frame data is periodically transmitted to measure transmission channel characteristics and combiner means are provided to combine user data with frame synchronisation data.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4387460, A  
D2: WO 9503656, A1  
D3: US 5148451, A  
D4: US 4646305, A  
D5: WO 9617455, A1

D1 discloses a digital data transmission system with supplementary information transmitting arrangement. The system comprises means for scrambling. (See col. 8, line 40 - col. 9, line 60.)

D2 discloses a method and an apparatus for synchronisation in transmission systems. Certain time slots have known synchronisation frames, containing tones or subcarriers, in the whole frequency spectrum with known phase selected in accordance with a pseudo random pattern. (See page 1, line 7 - line 15; page 4, line 25 - page 6, line 19.)

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**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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D3 discloses a carrier regeneration device including a frame synchronising circuit. (See col. 4, line 57 - line 68)

D4 discloses a high-speed data modem using multilevel encoding. The incoming binary data stream is applied to a data scrambler and encoder. (Se col. 2, line 60 - line 68)

D5 discloses a method for synchronisation of transmitter and receiver at mobile radio systems.

The invention according to claims 1 - 23 differs from all documents stated above in the way of combining user data with frame synchronisation data.

In the light of the aforementioned:

-The invention claimed in claims 1 - 23 is novel (N), is considered to involve an inventive step (IS) and is considered to have industrial applicability (IA).

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## VI. Certain documents cited

## 1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO9829978 A1	09.06.1998	23.12.1997	31.12.1996
WO9834368 A3	06.08.1998	30.01.1998	31.01.1997

## 2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

PRAGSTEN, Rolf  
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1999-06-18

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 10 June 1999 (10.06.99)		
Applicant's or agent's file reference Case 645 PCT		IMPORTANT NOTICE
International application No. PCT/SE98/02193	International filing date (day/month/year) 01 December 1998 (01.12.98)	
Priority date (day/month/year) 03 December 1997 (03.12.97)		
Applicant TELIA AB (publ) et al		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

EP,JP,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 10 June 1999 (10.06.99) under No. WO 99/29078

**REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)**

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

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International application No. PCT/SE98/02193	
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International filing date (day/month/year) 01 December 1998 (01.12.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 03 December 1997 (03.12.97)
Applicant TELIA AB (publ) et al	

- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
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Applicant

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/SE 98/02193</b>	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>1 December 1998</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>3 December 1997</b>
Applicant <b>Telia AB (publ) et al</b>		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
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Figure No. 1 ☒ as suggested by the applicant. ☐ None of the figures.  
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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE 98/02193

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC6: H04L 27/26, H04L 7/08 // H04J 3/12, H04L 5/06  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4387460 A (PATRICK E. BOUTMY ET AL), 7 July 1983 (07.07.83), column 5, line 26 - column 9, line 60, figures 1-7, claims 1-10 --	1-23
A	WO 9503656 A1 (TELIA AB), 2 February 1995 (02.02.95), page 1, line 7 - line 15; page 4, line 25 - page 6, line 19, figures 1,2, claims 1-7 --	1-23
A	US 5148451 A (SUSUMU OTANI ET AL), 15 Sept 1992 (15.09.92), column 1, line 1 - column 4, line 68, figure 1, claims 1-6 --	1-23

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A	US 4646305 A (STEVEN A. TRETTER ET AL), 24 February 1987 (24.02.87), column 2, line 60 - column 3, line 10; column 5, line 64 - column 6, line 30, figure 1  --	1-23
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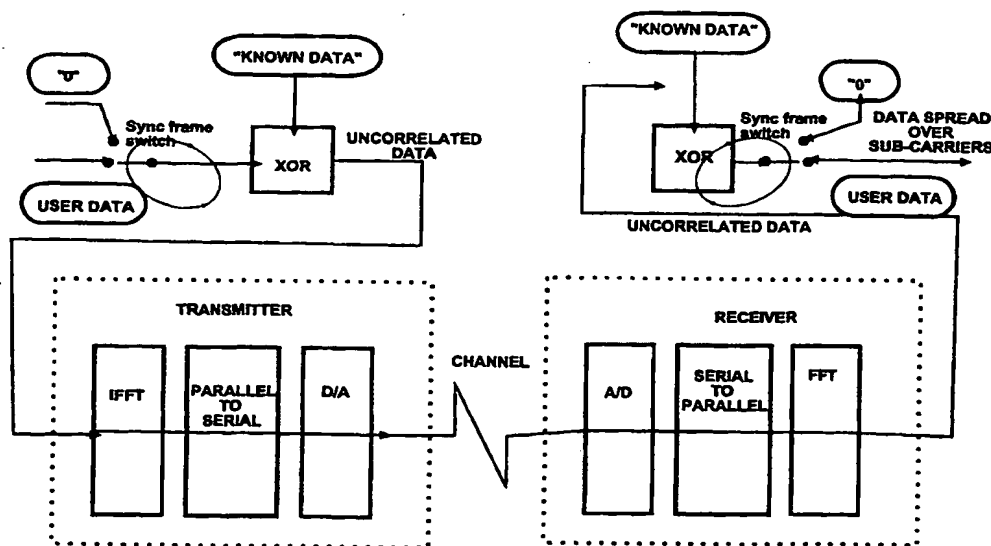
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## (57) Abstract

The present invention simplifies known data scramblers by making use of the synchronisation frames, normally used for measuring channel characteristics, as a source of pseudo-random data which can be combined with incoming user data. The present invention has particular application to multi-carrier transmission systems which employ DMT, or OFDM. Many of these transmission systems send known data, usually referred to as synchronisation frames, to measure channel characteristics such as signal to noise ratio. The known data contained in a synchronisation frame is selected to have a suitable statistical distribution, e.g. pseudo-random. In the data scrambler of the present invention, user data bits are combined with the known synchronisation frame data using an exclusive-OR function. This results in a statistically and computationally efficient scrambling of the user data.

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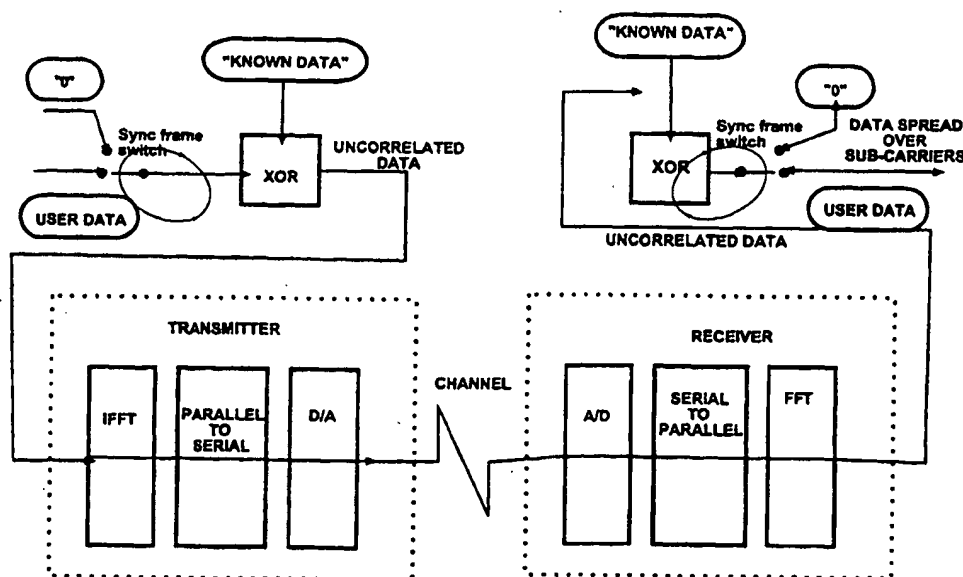
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**(57) Abstract**

The present invention simplifies known data scramblers by making use of the synchronisation frames, normally used for measuring channel characteristics, as a source of pseudo-random data which can be combined with incoming user data. The present invention has particular application to multi-carrier transmission systems which employ DMT, or OFDM. Many of these transmission systems send known data, usually referred to as synchronisation frames, to measure channel characteristics such as signal to noise ratio. The known data contained in a synchronisation frame is selected to have a suitable statistical distribution, e.g. pseudo-random. In the data scrambler of the present invention, user data bits are combined with the known synchronisation frame data using an exclusive-OR function. This results in a statistically and computationally efficient scrambling of the user data.

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